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Marty O'Grady (#2343) wrote on April 15, 1997: *The Perfins Bulletin* (April, 1997) arrived this afternoon. I flipped to page 43 and the I.H.C Dutch perfin jumped out at me. That very perfin is sitting on my stamp table waiting to be put back in its place as I rejected it for Pacific 97. Robert Dedecker (#2157) forgot one. It is listed as number 322 (shown below) in Verhoeven's book. The Dutch I.H.C perfin shown in April is #323.



Also from Marty, but dated April 30, 1997: "As you know the Netherlands Perfin Club held PER-FILEX 97 28-30 March, 1997. I received this past weekend a copy of the show cover and a first day of show cancel on that cover (see top of this page). The perfin (POKO) cut into the stamp used is SC. According to Mr. Verhoeven's book of 1991 that perfin (POKO) is #693 in the book. SC is the

From Our Members

Robert H. Szymanski (L145) is appealing for nice French material especially covers -- loan or sale. He is preparing an article on French perfins for

initials for N.V. Almelosche Confectiefabriek v/h H. Smits & Co. Almelo. The show was held at the Postal Museum, and this machine is on exhibit. I'm told that this cover can be had for 4 guilders.

Millard Driscoll (LM71) has a new e-mail address: Mdriscoll@worldnet.att.net.

Richard E. Malkin (#3126) provided the following comments regarding Joseph Laura's article concerning The Economical Filing Company cover entitled, "N37 - Found on Chicago Cover."

According to the 1910 Chicago city directory, the Economical Filing Company was a dealer in letter filing equipment. There seemed to be glut of such dealers in the area; Imperial Methods Company at 304, 256 Madison; Taussig Brothers at 514, 225 Dearborn, (same building as Economical, different room number); Tengwall Company at 1413, 164 Dearborn. Economical was listed at room 714 rather than 710 as printed on the corner card of the envelope shown in the April issue. By the 1911 directory, the address had change to 714, 219 South Dearborn, probably the same building with an address change by the city.

The President of Economical was Louis Sternheim, the Vice-president was Sidney J. Stern. One could speculate that the "S" of the "NBS" perfin stands for "Sternheim", but that doesn't account for the "NB". The business at room 714 was a mixed affair because there was a William Sternheim in the millinery business at the same address. He resided with an Annie Sternheim whose business was listed as "Milliner." Economical was surely not a large business and he reason that it might be using perfins originating at the National Benevolent Company remains unanswered.

Finally, it seems that R.710 (or 714) must be a room number since most of the businesses in that area list their addresses in such a manner.

Regarding Joe's article on page 66 entitled, "Unexplained Usage of Pattern B91" concerning Andrew N. Fox and the Benjamin Manufacturing Company.

The Chicago directories consistently list the company as the "Benjamin Manufacturing Company", not the "Benjamin Franklin Manufacturing Company". The company's President was Reuben B. Benjamin. The business was located at 120-28 South Sangamon and the company manufactured wireless cluster lighting specialties. Andrew N. Fox

is listed as the company's "Advertising Manager at 120 South Sangamon". Fox obviously had access to the company's perfins.

ED's Note: Member Malkin sent copies of his letter to John Randall and Joe Laura. If any replies are received, I will be happy to publish them in these pages.